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SUBJECT: PQ WINS RECOUNTS, HOLDS 71 SEATS

1. TWO JUDICIAL RECOUNTS IN WESTERN QUEBEC'S OTTAWA RIVER VALLEY REGION HAVE INCREASED PQ SEAT TOTAL IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO 71. IN THE RIDING OF PAPINEAU, JEAN ALFRED WAS DECLARED THE WINNER BY 67 VOTES. HOLDER OF A DOCTORATE IN EDUCATION, HE BECOMES THE FIRST BLACK EVER TO SIT IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. AS AN IMMIGRANT FROM HAITI, HE ALSO BRINGS CHAMBER FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF PROBLEMS IMMIGRANTS FACE IN QUEBEC SOCIETY. THIS RECOUNT WAS SETTLED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. JUST YESTERDAY, JOCELYNE OUELLETTE WAS DECLARED THE OFFICIAL WINNER IN THE HULL RIDING JUDICIAL RECOUNT WHICH WAS DELAYED BY COURT CHALLENGES. SHE DEFEATED FORMER LIBERAL CABINET MINISTER OSWALD PARENT BY TWO VOTES AFTER HAVING TRAILED BY 22 ON ELECTION NIGHT. SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE PQ NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND BECOMES PARTY'S FOURTH WOMAN MEMBER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

2. SEATS IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PQ 71  
LIBERALS 26  
UNION NATIONALE 11  
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3. COMMENT: VICTORIES REPRESENT IMPORTANT BREAKTHROUGH FOR PARTI QUEBECOIS IN REGION JUST ACROSS RIVER FROM OTTAWA. PQ IS HAPPY WITH VICTORIES NOT SO MUCH FOR INCREASED STRENGTH IN

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WHICH WAS UNNEEDED BUT BECAUSE PARTY HAD  
OPPOSED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXPANSION INTO HULL AREA. ALFRED  
AND OUELLETTE ARE ALSO SENTIMENTAL FAVORITIES IN PARTY AS  
REPRESENTATIVES OF MINORITIES.  
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